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SUBJ: WCIWY - ATMOSPHERE COOLS SOMEWHAT

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1. SEN CHARLES PERCY TOOK PART IN PANEL PRESS CONFERENCE AND Q/A SESSION EARLY MONDAY AFTERNOON AT TRIBUNE, TOGETHER WITH REPS FROM FOUR LDC'S. TENOR OF QUESTIONS AND EXCHANGES AMONG PANELISTS WAS SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE, WITH LITTLE OF THE RECRIMINATION AND RANCOUR WHICH INITIALLY CHARACTERIZED USDEL/NGO "ENCOUNTER" AT EMBASSY WCIWY CENTER SATURDAY MORNING, AND IN OUR VIEW OUTCOME WAS ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY.

2. MUCH CREDIT FOR SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT IS OF COURSE DUE SEN. PERCY HIMSELF, WHO FIELDDED SOMETIMES PRICKLY QUESTIONS WITH EXPERIENCED EASE. GREAT CREDIT MUST ALSO GO TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN FOR THEIR CAREFUL ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION, AIMED AT ENSURING THAT NGO VOICES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED OUT BY THE MILITANTS AT THE EMBASSY

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"ENCOUNTER" WERE ALLOWED TO BE HEARD ON THIS OCCASION.

DIALOGUE WHICH RESULTED WAS GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL.

3. MOOD GENERALLY AMONG NGO REPS AT TRIBUNE TODAY
MEANWHILE CONFIRMS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SATURDAY "ENCOUNTER"
RESULTED IN NET GAINS FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WITH RELATIONS
IMPROVING STEADILY SINCE INITIAL MINORITY-LED CONFRONTATION
AND WITH MOST NGO REPS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO ORIENT DISCUSSIONS AWAY FROM DOMESTIC U.S. POLITICS TOWARD SUBSTANCE OF WOMEN'S AGENDA. WHILE WE ARE NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS WITH U.S. MILITANTS, BELIEVE WE CAN NOW TURN GREATER ENERGIES TOWARD DEFUSING POTENTIALLY TOUGHER ENCOUNTERS LYING AHEAD WITH LDC REPS THEMSELVES.
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